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THE CHARLOTTE MASON COLLEGE
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(Training College for Women Teachers)

(Constituent College of the University of Manchester School of Education)

(Recognised by the Ministry of Education)

Founder and First Principal, 1892 - 1923 :

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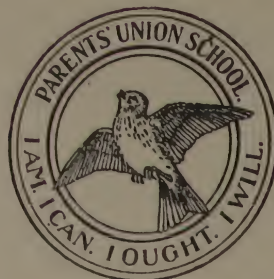
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*Charlotte Mason College Certificate

FAIRFIELD AMBLESIDE

The Practising School of the Charlotte Mason College
(Recognised as efficient by the Ministry of Education)



Principal : Miss MARY HARDCASTLE, Dip.Theol.(Oxon.)

Headmistress of Senior School (girls 11-18) : Miss B. M. WHARTON*

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Fairfield is the Practising School of the Charlotte Mason College. One hundred girls, aged 5 to 18, are taken as boarders. Girls of 4 to 18 and boys of 4 to 9 years attend as day pupils.

Situation. Fairfield stands opposite the College gates on the Rydal Road out of Ambleside, and is a convenient centre for buses from Grasmere and Windermere. The senior school occupies four detached houses, the gardens of which adjoin. The main rooms face south with views of Loughrigg Fell. The children share with the students the use of the College grounds and buildings for many of their activities. The Junior boarding house, the Hill Top, stands as its name implies, high above the College grounds with lovely views of the lake and hills.

The Junior School House, The Beehive, is within the grounds of the College.

The Preparatory School is at Springfield on the Rydal Road.

Aim. The training of character is regarded as of vital importance. The children have a full and varied life. The spirit of the school is friendly and lively, the children being trained in an ordered freedom.

Fairfield aims at giving a sound education as the best preparation for life. Each child should develop to the best of her ability, hence in the gaining of knowledge it is of paramount importance that a child should learn at an early age habits of industry, concentration and accurate observation, the use and joy of a controlled imagination and the power of self-expression. Special care is taken to avoid any nervous strain. The hours of work are short but the work is done with greater ease owing to the habit of concentration and the method of narration after a single reading. Cramming for examinations is not permitted. Children are trained to a wise use of leisure and hobbies of all kinds are encouraged. The children benefit from the wide interests of the Parents' Union School and also from many opportunities for sharing in the College activities.

The Curriculum. The work of the Parents' Union School is carried out in detail. This includes English, History and Citizenship, Geography and Science, Languages and Mathematics. Bible Lessons, undenominational in character, as an inspiration for life

and conduct form part of the course. In order that the children shall gain the habit and delight of using books, each child, as soon as she can read, possesses and works from her own copies. Great care is taken in the choice of these.

The value of Handwork is specially recognised and handicrafts of all kinds are taught.

The boarders receive training in the simple domestic duties of a home and in the care of their own clothes. Time for mending is given weekly. Every effort is made to train the girls to be happy, co-operative and responsible members of society. It is recognised that boarding-school life offers a valuable opportunity for the building of character essential to good citizenship.

Drawing and painting are taught to all forms.

Six pictures by a famous artist are studied each term.

Music is a special feature of Fairfield. Piano lessons are looked upon as an essential part of a generous curriculum. All pupils enjoy the pleasure and training of the singing and theory of music classes. Each term one of the great composers is specially studied. Pupils have the privilege of attending concerts given at College by visiting musicians and also at Kendal and Windermere on occasions. The School Choir sings in the village church of Rydal and has broadcast in "Children Singing."

Senior girls may belong to the College Orchestra; they join with the students and staff in weekly practices.

Children of the Junior School enjoy Percussion Band.

Great importance is attached to the outdoor life of the children. There are many opportunities for outdoor work in Natural History, including Botany and Geography, and the children enjoy the freedom of the Lake District countryside which offers so many possibilities for games and explorations among hills and streams. On half holidays in the summer term picnic tea is provided for the boarders who enjoy long rambles on the fells. Senior girls are allowed to bring their cycles to school in the summer term.

Instruction is given in swimming and skating when in season.

Some of the children are keen gardeners; they have their own garden plots to arrange as they wish.

Physical exercises are included in the curriculum, also dancing classes in the winter terms. Should remedial exercises be necessary, they are prescribed by the Doctor and carried out under the supervision of a fully trained physical instructress.

Games include hockey, netball, cricket, tennis and rounders. The School has its own hard tennis courts.

Riding lessons can be arranged.

Teaching. The teaching in the school is partly carried out by the students in training who are carefully supervised by the Headmistress and staff. The upper forms are taught almost entirely by qualified staff. The enthusiasm of the students ensures that every week each form in the school has a teacher who gives of her very best. Continuity of work is secured by the Parents' Union School programmes. As in all P.N.E.U. schools, the children are themselves trained to enjoy some of the responsibility of learning and to use their own books and programmes intelligently. Subjects, such as Mathematics, Languages, Science, Art, Music and Physical Training are under the direct supervision of the College lecturers.

Parents' Union School Examinations. Parents of children of the Practising School are privileged in receiving individual reports on the termly examinations of the P.U.S., only accorded normally to a representative member of the form in other P.N.E.U. Schools. They are asked to become members of the P.N.E.U. in order to be in closer touch with our work. Particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Murray House, Vandon Street, London, S.W.1.

Other Examinations Taken

The General Certificate of Education. Girls in Forms VX and VI are prepared for the Certificate at the Ordinary and Advanced level. Girls are prepared for University Entrance.

Common Entrance for admission to Girls' Public Schools.

Secondary Schools' Entrance Examinations.

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music—all grades.
The Ballet Examinations of the Royal Academy of Dancing.
The Elocution Examinations of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

The School Year is divided into three terms to run parallel with those of the College: mid-January to end of March, mid-April to early July, mid-September to mid-December. Three weeks' holiday is given at Easter and eleven weeks in the summer; there is the usual month's holiday at Christmas. There is a short half-term holiday in the summer from Saturday midday until the Monday evening and in the autumn from Friday afternoon until Monday evening; children may sleep away. Expeditions are arranged for those staying at School.

A special coach is reserved for the College and School on the London train. It is generally possible for parents to arrange for their children to travel in the care of students.

Sundays. Boarders attend the Parish Church on Sunday mornings. Letters are written home and walks taken in the afternoon. After tea, the children enjoy Music Appreciation.

Activities. There is a Guide Company and a Brownie Pack. A lending library is organised by the girls; senior girls have access to the College and Public libraries. A school magazine is edited by the pupils. Table tennis is enjoyed in leisure hours. In Social Service the girls work for Dr. Barnardo's Homes and for International Help for Children.

The children in the Junior House have much free play in the garden of Hill Top and in the Playroom. Imaginary games are encouraged.

Children of all ages enjoy dressing up and there is frequent play-acting.

A school play is given annually for Parents' Day, which precedes immediately the summer half-term.

Physical Care. The health of the girls receives individual attention from the Matrons. The Doctor calls at the School whenever necessary. Should a nurse be required as in the case of infectious illness, her salary is charged to the parents of the patients, her board

and lodging being provided by the School. A Health Certificate, supplied by the School, signed by the parent or guardian is required from each pupil on returning to school after the holidays. A medical certificate signed by a physician must be forwarded to the Principal before a new pupil's application for enrolment is accepted.

Children are weighed and measured each term.

Laundry. A covering charge of £3 5s. per term for seniors and £2 15s. for juniors is made.

Catering. Care is taken that the food shall be varied and wholesome and that there shall be no shortage of any essential to a balanced diet suitable for active, growing children. Many of the vegetables are grown in the College gardens.

Extra tuck is quite unnecessary, but sweets, jam and a birthday cake are permitted.

School Uniform. See separate leaflets for boarders and day pupils.

Parents of day children are especially requested:—

1. To encourage their children to uphold in dress and general behaviour the best traditions of the school.
2. To assist the staff by forbidding absence from school except in the case of illness, and to see that the children are present on the opening day of each term.
3. To keep children with colds away from school during the infectious stage.
4. To send a note to the Headmistress to account for the absence of a pupil.
5. To notify the School of the outbreak of any infectious disease in the family.
6. To discourage attendance at cinemas, parties or other entertainments except at weekends.

School Hours

Preparatory School at Springfield:

Playroom Class	9 a.m. — 3-15 p.m.
Preparatory Class	9 a.m. — 12-15 p.m.
Form IB	9 a.m. — 3-15 p.m.
Form IA Upper	9 a.m. — 3-15 p.m.
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